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A PROCLAMATION

Declaring His Majesties Pleasure touching His Royal Coronation, and the Solemnity thereof.

JAMES R.

WHereas We have Resolved by the Favour and Blessing of God, to Celebrate the Solemnity of Our Royal Coronation, and also the Coronation of Our Dearly Beloved Consort the Queen, upon the Twenty third day of April, being St. George's day next, at Our Palace of Westminster; And forasmuch as by Antient Customs and Usages of this Realm, as also in regard of divers Tenures of sundry Manors, Lands, and other Hereditaments, many of Our Loving Subjects do Claim, and are bound to do and perform divers several Services on the said Day, and at the time of the Coronation, as in times Precedent their Ancestors, and those from whom they Claim have Done and Performed at the Coronations of Our Famous Progenitors and Predecessors, Kings and Queens of this Realm: We therefore out of Our Princely Care, for the Preservation of the Lawful Rights and Inheritances of Our Loving Subjects whom it may Concern, have thought fit to give Notice and Publish Our Resolution therein; And do hereby give Notice of, and Publish the same accordingly: And We do hereby further Signifie, That by Our Commission under Our Great Seal of England, We have Appointed and Authorized Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Councellor Francis Lord Guilford Lord Keeper of Our Great Seal of England, Our Right Trusty and Right Welbeloved Cousin, and Councellor, Laurence Earl of Rochester Lord High Treasurer of England, Our Right Trusty and Entirely Beloved Cousin and Councellor George Marquis of Halifax, Lord President of Our Privy Council, our Right Trusty and Right Welbeloved Cousin and Councellor Henry Earl of Clarendon Lord Privy Seal, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin Henry Duke of Norfolk, Earl-Marshal of England, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousins and Councellors, James Duke of Ormond Lord Steward of Our Household, and Henry Duke of Beaufort Lord President of Wales, Our Right Trusty and Right Welbeloved Cousins and Councellors Robert Earl of Lindsey Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Henry Earl of Arlington Lord Chamberlain of Our Household, Aubrey Earl of Oxford, Theophilus Earl of Huntington, John Earl of Bridgewater, Henry Earl of Peterborow, Philip Earl of Chesterfield, Robert Earl of Sunderland One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and Robert Earl of Aylesbury, Our Right Trusty and Right Welbeloved Cousin John Earl of Radnor, Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Councellors, George Lord Dartmouth Master General of Our Ordnance, Sidney Lord Godolphin Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Consort the Queen, and Sir George Jeffreys Knight and Baronet Chief Justice of Our Court of Kings Bench, and Our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir Thomas Jones Knight Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas, or any Three or more of them, to Receive, Hear and Determine the Petitions and Claims which shall be to them Exhibited by any of Our Loving Subjects in this behalf: And we shall Appoint Our said Commissioners for that purpose to Sit in the Painted Chamber of Our Palace at Westminster, upon the Twenty fourth day of this instant March, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon of that day, and from time to time to Adjourn, as to them shall seem meet for the Execution of Our said Commission, which We do thus Publish, to the intent that all such Persons whom it may any ways concern, may know when and where to give their Attendance for the Exhibiting of their Petitions and Claims concerning their Services before-mentioned, to be Done and Performed unto Us at Our said Coronation; And We do hereby signifie unto all and every Our Subjects whom it may concern, That Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby Straitly Charge all Persons of what Rank or Quality soever they be, who either upon Our Letters to them Directed, or by Reason of their Offices, or Tenures, or otherwise are to do any Service at the said day or time of Our Coronation, That they do duly give their Attendance accordingly in all Respects, Furnished and Appointed as to so great a Solemnity appertaineth, and Answerable to the Dignities and Places which every one of them respectively Holdeth and Enjoyeth; And of this they or any of them are not to fail, as they will Answer the contrary at their Perils, unless upon special Reasons by Our Self under Our Hand to be Allowed We shall dispence with any of their Services or Attendances.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Sixth day of *March*, 1684 in the First Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

Whitehall, March 7. The Following Addresses have been presented to His Majesty, who received them very Graciously.

WE your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders and other the Inhabitants of the Wapentake of Elloe in the parts of Holland in your Majesties County of Lincoln, Do humbly and sincerely Congratulate your Majesty in this Your just Right of Succession to the Imperial Crown of these Realms, heartily wishing and praying Your Reign over us may be long and Prosperous; And we do heartily, humbly, and unfeigned declare that we will to the last of our Lives and Estates defend your Majesties most Sacred Person, Crown and Dignities, Your Heirs and Lawful Successors, against all horrid Conspiracies and Hellish Contrivances whatsoever, abhorring the evil Intentions aimed at some time since by disaffected Persons, against your Majesties undoubted Right of Succession, returning your Majesty our unfeigned thanks for Your most Gracious Declaration to us, who will ever approve our selves

Your Majesties truly Constant, Loyal and Obedient Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty *JAMES* the Second.

The humble Address of your Majesties Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgie-Masters of your Majesties ancient Borough of *Westbury* in the County of *Wilts*.

Dread Soveraign,

WE *your Majesties most humble and dutiful Subjects, do heartily condole the loss of our late most Gracious Soveraign of blessed Memory; and do thankfully adore Gods goodness to us, who, after the wicked strivings and malicious endeavors of Antimonarchical Men, to deprive your Royal Person of your undoubted Inheritance, hath so peaceably seated your Majesty our Rightful Soveraign Lord upon the Throne of your Royal Ancestors.*

And

And we do humbly render our hearty thanks for your Gracious Declaration to all your loving Subjects, of Preserving the Government both in Church and State as it is now by Law most happily established. And we do hereby assure your Majesty, That we will make choice of such Representatives to serve in the next Parliament, that are of approved Loyalty, and true affection to your Sacred Person, and did always declare their utter Abhorrence of the Bill of Exclusion, judging all such persons as were for that Unjust, Illegal, Impious Bill, unfit Men to be intrusted with any part of the Government.

And as Loyal good Subjects, we shall ever pray for your Majesties long, peaceable, and happy Reign over us, and for the utter Confusion of all your Enemies.

Presented by the Right Honorable the Lord Privy Seal.

The following Address from the Corporation of *Leicester*, was Presented to His Majesty by the Right Honorable the Earl of *Huntingdon*, their Recorder.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Ancient Borough of Leicester.

May it please Your Majesty,

THe Grief which we had conceived for the loss of our late dread Soveraign of Blessed Memory, could not have been allayed by any thing but the peaceable and happy Access of your Sacred Majesty to the Imperial Crown of these Realms, which we with all Joy and Gladness do Congratulate, and we cannot omit to observe the great and many Instances of God's Providence which hath attended your Royal Person from your Infancy to this time in your Majesties preservation from those great and eminent Dangers to which your Majesty hath so often exposed Your Self for the Honor of this Kingdom, as also in the Divine Protection of Your precious Life from the Rage of the Seas and the madness of the People. And we take leave to return your Majesty our most humble thanks for your Gracious Declaration, and to assure You of our steady Faith and Allegiance to your Majesty, and in particular of our Endeavor to send to Parliament such Burgesses as shall be ready to comply with Your Demands for the support of your Majesty and your lawful Successors in all Royal State and Dignity.

God grant your Majesty a long and a happy Reign.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of your Majesties Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, High Steward, Aldermen, and Common Council of your City of *Hereford.*

Dread Soveraign,

THough we most deeply lament the Death of our late Gracious King, not only by your Majesties permission, but likewise by your Royal Example, (since you were evidently unwilling to receive your Imperial Crown by the loss of him) yet, all those Tears which were due to the Blessed Memory of so Excellent a Prince, are dryed up, and converted into Joy, to see your Sacred Majesty his lawful Successor, and the Just, and Mighty Heir of his Crown, and Princely Virtues, Governing and Protecting us; We are happy (Dread Sir) and infinitely thankful for that Royal Greatness of Mind, That Resolution to maintain your Prerogatives and present Government in Church and State, that Condescending sence of the Loyalty of your faithful Subjects, and for that kindness and affection to your people, which are expressed in your Majesties most Gracious Declaration.

May all those Blessings, which are contained in the dayly Prayers of the Loyal Church of England *for your Majesty ever attend your Sacred Person and Rightful Successors; And as for our selves, we do with all imaginable faithfulness take leave to assure your Majesty, that (if there shall be occasion) we will chuse rather to Dye in your Majesties Service, and in the Defence of your Royal State, and Dignity, then to Live (if we might) the most prosperous Rebels in the World.*

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Governor, Burgesses, and Clergy of your Majesties Ancient Corporation of *Beverley* in the County of *York.*

WE do with unfeigned Sorrow Condole the loss of our late Gracious King; and with inexpressible gladness Congratulate your Majesties undoubted rightful Succession. And as we have with great joy Proclaimed your Royal Name, we think our selves happy in your Gracious Declaration and Protection, freely devoting our Selves, our Lives and Fortunes in defence of your Majesties Person, Crown, and Dignity, against all Opposers whatsoever. And since your Majesty hath determined to call a Parliament, we will use our utmost endeavours to choose such Members as are Men of approved Loyalty and Integrity, which are the best means to make your Majesty Great, and our selves Happy.

Given under our hands this 23 day of *February*, in the First year of your Majesties Reign.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty King JAMES *the Second,*

The most humble Address of the Mayor, High-Steward, Recorder, Justices, Aldermen and Burgesses of your Majesties Borough of Evesham *in the County of* Worcester.

Great SIR,

AS this your Majesties Borough did among the earliest make a free, voluntary and unanimous Surrender of their Charter into the hands of our late Gracious Soveraign of Blessed Memory, whose death we are more particularly obliged to Condole, for his Royal Favour in regranting to us all our ancient Priviledges, with ample additions of New; So are we now the first in these parts that have with all possible demonstrations of joy Proclaimed your Majesties Succession to that Imperial Crown from which ill men would lately against all Right, Religion, and their own Good, unreasonably have excluded you; But now we hope your Majesties Gracious Declaration will charm those Seditious Spirits into a peaceable acquiescence: And since your Majesty is graciously pleased speedily to call a Parliament, we do engage to send such persons to serve therein, as shall be acceptable to your Majesty, and concurrent in any thing that may conduce to your just Power and Grandure, withing that all other places may in that behalf discharge themselves as well as,

Dread Soveraign,
Your Majesties most humble, Loyal, and Dutiful Subjects.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

Scarbrough, Com' Ebor' WE your Majesties most Loyal and truly obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Justices, Common-Council-men, with the other Inhabitants of your Majesties Antient, and now Loyal Corporation of Scarbrough, do unanimously and heartily return our unfeigned thanks to the King of Kings, who (notwithstanding the utmost malice, that the Devil could invent, or Man could act) has so far continued his mercies, (not to say his Miracles) as peacefully to set You on the Throne of your Royal Ancestors: Nor can we look upon our selves as Christians or Subjects, but we must return our most humble and hearty Thanks to your Majesty for Your most Gracious Speech to the most Honorable the Privy-Council: And further, we crave leave to assure your Majesty that our Lives and Fortunes shall be for ever devoted to your Majesty's Service, and that Your Enemies evermore shall be ours, more especially those Impudent Promoters of the Bill of Exclusion, whom this Corporation doth for their parts promise, shall for ever be excluded your Majesties great Council of Parliament. And lastly, we beseech Your Majesty to accept hereof together with our Prayers for your Majesties long Life and happy Reign, &c.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty, JAMES *the Second, by the Grace of God of* England, Scotland, France *and* Ireland *King, Defender of the Faith,* &c.

We the Mayor, Aldermen, Freemen, and other the Inhabitants of this Your Borough of *Newarke upon Trent*, Present this humble Address at Your Majesty's Feet.

Dread SIR,

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,

THough since the most barbarous and execrable Murder of your Dearest Father CHARLES the First of ever glorious and

and bleſſed Memory, a greater Calamity and Affliction cou'd not befall Your three Kingdoms then the death of your Majeſties entirely and dearly beloved Brother our late moſt gracious Soveraign CHARLES the Second (in which diſmal and ſurprizing loſs, we are as deep Condolers as any Subjects within Your Dominions) yet our Hearts are revived and our ſorrowful Spirits comforted by Proclaiming your Majeſty JAMES the Second, the moſt Rightful and undoubted Heir and Succeſſor to his Crown and Kingdoms; Which we have done with ſuch a general and unanimous exoneſſion of our conſtant Duty and Loyalty as become good Subjects; And we beſeech your Majeſty to accept our unfeigned Duty and Thanks for Your moſt Gratious Declaration to the infinite Satisfaction of all dutiful and Loyal Subjects; And as we cannot doubt Your Defending the Eſtabliſh'd Religion, our Lives and Properties according to Your Royal Word, ſo we ſhould be moſt ungrateful beyond hopes of Pardon, ſhould we not reciprocally endeavor the maintenance of Your Royal Prerogatives; And we do from our Hearts acknowledge it a great bleſſing of the Divine Providence, that in ſpight of all Democratical Spirits we ſtil live under the beſt of Governments, Monarchy, wherein the Crowned Head is not determinable by plurality of Votes; Nor could a Bill of Excluſion cut off Your Majeſties Succeſſion to that Inheritance which by all Law Sacred and Civil is now devolv'd on Your Royal Perſon; And we do truly and unfeignedly according to our Duty reſolve and promiſe all Loyalty and Obedience, and to ſerve your Majeſty with our Lives and Fortunes to the utmoſt of our Capacities; And do heartily beſeech him by whom Kings Reign who is the only Ruler of Princes, and their beſt Sanctuary, who hath hitherto wonderfully preſerved your Sacred Perſon, and put You into a quiet and peaceable poſſeſſion of your Royal Throne, That he would Defend your Perſon and Government from all unquiet and turbulent Spirits which are given to change; That Your Life may be long and Your Reign happy; Which ſhall be the conſtant and hearty Prayers and endeavors of your Majeſties moſt humble and moſt Obedient Subjects.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The Humble Addreſs of the Bayliffs, Recorder, and Burgeſſes of your Majeſties Ancient, and ever Loyal Corporation of Droytwich *in the County of* Worceſter.

Moſt Dread Soveraign,

WE your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, crave leave in this our moſt humble Addreſs, to expreſs our deep and juſt Sorrow, for the death of our late moſt Gracious Soveraign of Bleſſed Memory, and our extream unfeigned joy for your Majeſties peaceable Succeſſion to his Throne in the right line, againſt all the endeavours of your Malitious and unreaſonable Enemies.

We Adore that Divine Providence which hath protected you, and defeated them. And return our moſt humble thanks to your Majeſty for the Aſſurance you have given your Subjects to maintain the Government in Church and State as it is Eſtabliſhed by Law. And as it becomes Subjects of ſuch an Excellent Government. We here faithfully promiſe, to ſerve your Majeſty with our Lives and Fortunes, and to ſend ſuch Members to the enſuing Parliament, as are truly Affected to your Majeſties Royal perſon and intereſt. And as a token of our ſincerity herein have choſen to preſent this our humble Addreſs to your Majeſty by the hands of your Majeſties Servant Mr. Thomas Windeſor, praying God to grant your Majeſty a long and proſperous Reign over us. In Witneſs whereof we have hereunto annexed the Common Seal of our Corporation.

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Loyal Young men and Apprentices of your Majeſties Ancient City of *Weſtminſter*, and the Liberties thereof.

Dread Soveraign,

AS we your Majeſties moſt Obedient Subjects cannot ſufficiently lament the Death of our late and Bleſſed Soveraign Charles *the Second; So nothing in this World could have repair'd that unvaluable Loſs unto us, but the Providence of your Sacred Majeſties Peaceable Succeſſion to this Imperial Crown, as the undoubted Heir of your Royal Brothers Authority and Virtues; Notwithſtanding the uttermoſt Malice of your ungrateful and implacable Enemies in their endeavors to Deprive your Majeſty of your unalterable, and Inherent Right of Deſcent by a Seditious and Antimonarchical Bill of Excluſion. Which Unwarrantable and unheard of Practice under a Form of Law, we your Majeſties moſt Obedient Subjects have in Abhorrence to the uttermoſt Degree.*

And in a further Contemplation of thoſe Bleſſings, which under the Mercy of God, we promiſe to our ſelves under the Government and Protection of your Majeſties Grace and Wiſdom, we return our moſt Dutiful Thanks to Almighty God: And at the ſame time preſent our moſt Faithful, and Inviolable Hearts and Duties at your Majeſties Feet, in our humble Acknowledgments of ſo great a Mercy: Not forgetting what we owe to your Royal Goodneſs expreſſed in your late Declaration, over-and-above the confidence of Happineſs and Security which we repoſe in your Majeſties Perſonal Clemency and Bounty.

And, we account it our Indiſpenſable Duty alſo with our Lives and Fortunes, to Defend, and to Maintain your Royal Perſon and Prerogative; And inceſſantly upon our Knees do implore Almighty God to grant your Majeſty a long, and a happy Reign over a Dutiful and a Thankful People: And to Bleſs theſe Kingdoms under the Government of that Royal Family from whence your moſt Excellent Majeſty is Deſcended, as long as the Sun and Moon ſhall Endure.

The young Men that Preſented this Addreſs were Introduced to His Majeſty by the Right Honorable the Lord Marquis of *Halifax*, Lord Preſident of his Majeſties Privy Council.

There have been likewiſe Preſented to His Majeſty very Loyal Addreſſes, From the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council and Inhabitants of the City of *Exon*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Deputy Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Inhabitants of the City of *Lincoln*. From the Grand Inqueſt of the County of *Bucks*, with the Concurrence of the High Sheriff, Juſtices, Deputy Lieutenants and Officers of the Militia. From the Bayliffs, High Steward, Recorder, Aldermen, Head Burgeſſes and other Inhabitants of the Corporation of *Maldon* in *Eſſex*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the Borough of *Stratford upon Avon*. From the Mayor, Aſſociate, Juſtices of the Peace, Aldermen, Chief Burgeſſes and other the Inhabitants of *Newberry* in *Berkſhire*. From the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and other Inhabitants of *Oakhampton* in *Devon*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Burgeſſes, and other Inhabitants of *Barneſtaple* in *Devon*. From the Loyal Inhabitants of the Borough of *Clifton Dartmouth Hardnes* in *Devon*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and other Inhabitants of *Pontefract* in *Yorkſhire*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, and other Inhabitants of *Leeds* in *Yorkſhire*. From the Mayor, Bayliffs, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the Town and County of *Pool*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Bayliffs, Aldermen, Capital Burgeſſes, Common-Council, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of *Dorcheſter*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Bayliffs, and Capital Burgeſſes of *Newcaſtle under Line*. From the Mayor, Juſtices of the Peace, Aldermen, Common-Council, Sheriff, Bayliffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Town and County of *Haverford-weſt*. From *Thomas* Lord *Fennyn* Governor, Sir *Philippe de Carteret* Baronet, Bayliff, with the Jurats and other Officers of the Iſland of *Jerſey*, with the Dean, Rectors, Conſtables, together with His Majeſties Commiſſioned Officers. From the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the County Boroghof *Carmarthen*. From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the Borough of *Appleby* in *Weſtmerland*, which was Preſented by Sir *Chriſtopher Muſgrave*, Lieutenant General of His Majeſties Ordnance and Governor of the City and Caſtle of *Carlile*. All which His Majeſty received very Graciouſly.

His Grace the Duke of *Beaufort* hath Preſented to His Majeſty very Loyal Addreſſes. From the High Sheriff, Depury Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, Clergy and Gentlemen of the County of

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